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SUBJECT: SWEDISH AMBASSADOR'S TALK ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

1. NEWSLETTER OF SWEDISH/AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REPORTS ON SWEDISH AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER'S JUNE 1 ADDRESS
TO CHAMBER IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER ISSUE. WACHTMEISTER POINTED OUT QUOTE THERE ARE
ALREADY INDICATIONS THAT, WHEREAS IN SOME RESPECT, AND I
REFER PARTICULARLY TO END PRODUCTS, THERE WILL BE A LIBERALI-
ZATION, IN OTHERS THERE MAY ACTUALLY BE A TIGHTENING OF THE
EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. OBVIOUSLY, ANY SUCH TIGHTENING COULD
SERIOUSLY IMPEDE SWEDISH/AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND
TRADE IN TECHNOLOGY-RELATED PRODUCTS. THERE IS A RISK THAT
MANY SWEDISH COMPANIES WHICH TRADITIONALLY RELY ON US TECH-
NOLOGY, AND WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP
WITH THEIR US COUNTERPARTS, MAY, AGAINST THEIR WILL, BE
FORCED TO TURN TO OTHER SUPPLIERS AND PARTNERS IN DEVELOP-
MENT. UNQUOTE.

2. STRESSING NEED FOR EARLY CLARIFICATION OF US POLICY, THE
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AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT QUOTE UNCERTAINTY AND DELAY IN HAND-
LING INDIVIDUAL CASES OF EXPORT AND RE-EXPORT LICENSING
COULD BE JUST AS DETRIMENTAL TO TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERA-
TION AS OUTRIGHT RESTRICTIONS. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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